

MINUTES

Tombigher Baptist Association

Held with Mt. Pleasant Church, Itasca County,
Minnesota, October 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1910.

Next meeting at Belmont Baptist Church,
Tishomingo County, on L.C.R.R., Satur-
day before the third Sunday in October, 1910.

Introductory Preacher, J. F. BENSON

Mission Preacher, J. T. ROBINSON

J. T. ROBINSON, Moderator
R. No. 2, FULTON, MINN.

S. T. GRAHAM, Clerk
R. No. 2, FULTON, MINN.

MINUTES

The Tombigbee Baptist Association met, in the Twenty-sixth Annual Session with Mt. Pleasant Church Saturday, October the 16th, 1909.

The congregation came together and after singing several good songs the first Chapter of First Timothy was read, prayer led by Elder N. T. Clayton, after which the Introductory Sermon was ably delivered by Elder J. T. Robinson, on the "Origin and Perpetuity of the Church of Christ." A recess was taken for refreshments.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the messengers were called together, by Elder J. T. Robinson, pastor of church, who acted as Moderator pro tem, as the Moderator, Elder J. S. Stockton, was absent on account of illness.

S. M. Weatherford, J. T. Hill and J. G. Wood were appointed Finance Committee.

Prof. Sam Mayhall and D. W. Graham were appointed reading clerks.

The Moderator called for letters from the churches, and the following letters were read and messengers names enrolled.

Mt. Pleasant—G. J. Senter, J. A. Senter, W. A. Barnes and Elder G. A. Senter.

Fairview—D. W. Graham, J. G. Wood, W. A. Graham and S. A. Byram.

Bethany—Elder J. F. Benson, J. T. Pitts and W. T. Lesensberry.

Shiloh—T. D. Cleveland and W. P. Hall.

Belmont—Preston Yarber and O. L. Phillips.

Salem—G. W. Houston and T. C. Cleveland.

Mt. Pisgah—L. A. Bookout and J. L. Bookout.

Mt. Zion—T. F. Hankins, J. W. Powell and J. H. Dozier.

Pleasant Grove—J. K. P. Scott, J. T. Harmon and J. M. Kennedy.

Antioch—J. M. Mayhall and W. A. Butler.

Harmony—E. R. Gooze and S. M. Weatherford.

Liberty Grove—U. G. Summerford, W. J. Prestridge and John Stephens.

Golden—G. W. Yarbrow, J. T. Osbern, Elder A. L. Anderson and Al. Hale.

Union—W. A. Leatherwood, Eli Maulden, seated by me and second.

Jackson Camp—A. P. Hill and J. T. Hill.

New Home—Elder G. W. Guntharp, F. M. Carpen and R. V. Wheeler.

Bethlehem—W. D. Page.

Providence—J. S. Campbell, Pink Lee, Robert Hughes and Elder J. M. Killingworth.

Red Bud—M. B. Waddle and Will More.

Hopewell—Elder J. A. Conwill, Elder J. W. Davis, I. Conwill and A. T. Holly.

Union Grove—Elder N. T. Clayton, R. B. K. McFadden and Hamp Willis.

After the letters were read and Messengers names enrolled the body proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year.

By move and second, carried, Elder J. T. Robinson was elected Moderator and S. T. Graham re-elected Clerk.

By move and second, the former arrangement of business was adopted.

J. K. P. Scott, U. G. Summerford, G. W. Yarbrow and Deacons of the Church, R. T. Senter and G. J. Senter, were appointed Devotional Committee.

Called for Correspondence, received none.

Called for petitionary letters, none were presented.

Devotional Committee report that Elder G. W. Guntharp preach Saturday night.

Visiting brethren invited to seat with us.

The right to arrange lists of committees was given the Moderator. Homes were assigned the messengers and adjournment taken to Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Saturday night at 7:30 after singing, the first Chapter of Romans was read to 26th verse, prayer led by Elder N. T. Clayton, after which an able sermon was delivered by Elder G. W. Guntharp. Theme, "The Gospel," based on Rom. 1-16 followed by Elder N. T. Clayton.

SUNDAY MORNING.

After an excellent song service, Elder N. T. Clayton opened the preaching service by reading the 8th Chapter of 2nd Corinthians. Prayer led by Elder J. F. Benson.

On the Theme "Missions" Elder N. T. Clayton delivered a very able discourse followed by Elder J. F. Benson.

An encouraging report, which was received by the Clerk, from Elder J. G. Chastain, Guadalajara, Mexico, was read, giving a history of the Mission Work in Mexico which has been grand indeed.

A collection, amounting to \$20.00 was taken, for Foreign Missions, and the Clerk was asked to acknowledge receipt of letter and reply to same.

The following committees were appointed and a list handed to chairman of each:

Baptist Literature—G. W. Guntharp, Luther Bookout and J. G. Wood.

Sunday Schools—J. W. Davis, I. B. Conwill and J. M. Kennedy.

Temperance—W. H. Hamilton, U. G. Summerford and G. W. Yarbrow.

Associational Missions—J. F. Benson, D. W. Graham and W. T. Lessenberry.

State Missions—N. T. Clayton, J. T. Pitts and J. W. Powell.

Home Missions—J. A. Conwill, A. Hale and W. J. Pres-
tridge.

Foreign Missions—J. M. Weaver, J. T. Hill and Pink
Lee.

Documents.—W. D. Page, R. L. Hughes and S. A. Byram.

Nominations—O. L. Phillips, J. T. Harmon and A. L.
Anderson.

Orphans Home—J. S. Campbell and E. T. Holly.

Education—D. W. Graham, M. B. Waddle and U. G.
Summerford.

Obituaries—J. T. Pitts, G. J. Senter and W. A. Barnes.

SUNDAY NIGHT—In the absence of Elder J. M. Harrison, who was selected by the Devotional Committee to preach, Elder J. A. Conwill delivered a very able discourse, on Mark 1-15, followed by Elder J. W. Davis.

MONDAY MORNING.

After song and prayer, proceeded to attend to the business of the body.

Called for detained letters, received one from Hopewell and one from Union Grove. By a seconded motion Elder J. M. Harrison was seated as a messenger from Bethel.

Called for Correspondence, G. W. Chatham was receiv-

ed as Corresponding Messenger from Judson Association, and invited to a seat with us.

The Moderator proceeded to call for the reports of the several committees.

BAPTIST LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Baptist Literature, beg to report as follows:

We do uncompromisingly recommend the use of Baptist Literature which is known to be sound, based on the Scriptures for use in our homes, Churches, Sunday Schools, and be able to give the truth to the world, leading them to the light, which is the truth and the way; "it is needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was delivered unto the Saints."

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. GUNTARP, Chairman.

Discussed by Elder G. W. Guntharp, Elder J. F. Benson, Elder J. T. Robinson, Elder W. H. Hamilton and Elder N. T. Clayton, and adopted.

By move and second this Association heartily endorse and unanimously recommend Elder G. W. Guntharp, Fulton, Miss., as Colporter of this Association for the ensuing year.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report, that in our honest judgment, we find that the Sunday Schools are not doing the work that they should, and unanimously recommend that more interest be taken among our schools. We realize that there can and ought to be a glorious work done through the Sunday School.

Brethren, let us pray that the good work of Sunday Schools may be revived in our Association, for we feel that it will be a great help to enlighten the world and to keep renewed our Spiritual minds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DAVIS, Chairman.

Discussed by A. L. Anderson and J. M. Killingsworth, and adopted.

The Devotional Committee reported that Elder J. A. Conwill, will preach at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Report on Temperance was read as follows: We your

Committee on Temperance, beg to make our report as follows: We believe that intemperance is the matchless evil, and would recommend, temperance in all things and in the use of alcoholic beverages total abstinence.

Submitted,

W. H. HAMILTON, Chairman.

Able discussed by Elder N. T. Clayton, J. M. Killingsworth, S. T. Graham, S. A. Byram and W. D. Page and adopted.

After the necessary announcements the Association adjourned; for preaching and refreshments, to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

After ten minutes intermission, came together by singing, after which the 12th Chapter of Hebrews was read followed by prayer led by Elder A. L. Anderson. An excellent sermon was ably delivered, from Theme: "Without Faith it is Impossible to Please God," followed by Elder A. L. Anderson.

The Association met at 1:30 o'clock, and after song and prayer, the business of the Association was resumed.

On motion of J. F. Benson, N. T. Clayton act as Moderator pro tem until Moderator comes in.

The several reports on Missions were read as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to submit the following: We believe that the Baptist have the whole truth and that the world is dependent on us for the truth, and we recommend to your body, that you devise means to supply every community within the bounds of this Association with Baptist preaching.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BENSON, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to report as follows: Our Home Mission field embraces the United States and its possessions. The commission says: "Preach the truth to every creature" and the world is looking to some for the truth and the Baptists are the only people God has authorized to deliver this; and in the language of our Savior we say: "Observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always even until the end of the world."

J. A. CONWILL, Chairman.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following report: We find the work of the State increasing. We find that there are more Baptists in the State than any other denomination; therefore it is Baptist ground; so let us rise up and lay claim in the name of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

N. T. CLAYTON.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report on Foreign Missions. We find by reading the will of the Master as recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke that it is a command to preach the Gospel to every creature, and we fully believe that the work was committed to the Church of the living God. We also believe that it is an indispensable duty of all true believers to aid in the spread of the "Good news." "The glad tidings of great joy." "The Gospel of Christ the Savior of the world."

Brethren, if we are followers of Christ we should aid in the great Foreign Mission work by giving freely of our means and prayerfully imploring God's blessings on the Foreign field of labor. We should be encouraged by the great results already accomplished, much can and should be done.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WEAVER, Chairman.

Able discussed by, J. M. Killingsworth, N. T. Clayton, W. D. Page and at this juncture business was suspended and Elder W. O. Thornly of the Judson Association invited to a seat with us as a corresponding messenger. After which the discussion on Missions was taken up by J. F. Benson. At the close of Elder J. F. Benson's speech, a motion was offered by W. D. Page that a song be sung and a hearty hand-shake endorsing his past Ministerial Mission work. Missions was discussed by Elder W. O. Thornly after which the Devotional Committee reported that W. O. Thornly preach Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

On motion of Elder N. T. Clayton the discussion on Missions be continued to tomorrow morning. Adjournment was taken until 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

MONDAY NIGHT—After singing, the 5th Chapter of John was read to 24th verse, as a lesson and preaching by

Elder W. O. Thornly from John 5-24. After preaching songs were sung and all enjoyed a hand shake and rejoicing in the blessings of a Savior's love.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The devotional services were conducted by the Moderator. He read the 37th Division of Psalms.

The discussion of Missions was concluded by Elders N. T. Clayton and J. F. Benson.

By motion of W. D. Page that all speeches be limited to five minutes after missions were passed.

The several reports on Missions were adopted.

Called for the outstanding reports.

DOCUMENTS.

We beg to report as follows: The Union meeting of the First District meets with the Bethany Church Friday before the First Sunday in August, 1910. N. T. Clayton to preach the Introductory, J. A. Conwill, alternate.

The following subjects were assigned on which essays are to be read:

First—The Duty of the Church to Pastor, G. W. Guntharp.

Second—For Whom Did Christ Die? J. A. Conwill.

Third—Was the Primitive Baptist Missionary or Anti-Missionary? J. T. Robinson.

Fourth—The Design of Footwashing, J. W. Davis.

Fifth—The Evils of Dram Drinking, S. T. Graham.

Sixth—The Duty of Pastor to Church, J. K. P. Scott.

The Union meeting of the Second District with Union Church Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1910. W. H. Hamilton to preach the Introductory, L. M. Taylor, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. PAGE, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, make the following report: We find two Churches asking for the Association, to-wit: Union and Belmont. We find that the Association belongs to the Second District. Elder J. F. Benson to preach the Introductory, J. S. Stockton, Alternate. J. T. Robinson to

preach the "Missionary" Sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock, Eld N. T. Clayton, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
O. L. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Any one visiting a sister Association bearing a Minute of this Association to be considered our correspondent from the Association.

By move and second the Moderator appointed messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, also any Church in our bounds is entitled to a messenger. Thus from our Churches and Association will be seated twenty-seven messengers.

ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: Brethren we are glad that the Lord has let us grow in grace so that we have an Orphans' Home in our State.

Now Brethren let us have that knowledge to support the Orphans, because it is the Lord's doings and is marvelous in our eyes. We find there is 181 orphans in the home. Now let us open our hearts and purses and be liberal to the fatherless; they need our help.

J. S. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

A collection was taken, by Miss Weatherford amounting to \$5.12, for the Orphans. The following resolution was offered by N. T. Clayton and read by the clerk.

Resolved, That we, the Tombigbee Baptist Association declare ourselves an Itawamba County Association.

Discussed by N. T. Clayton, A. L. Anderson, W. D. Page, J. F. Benson and by move and second it was tabled until next Association.

By rising vote of the delegation Belmont was selected as the next place of meeting.

EDUCATION.

We beg leave to report, that we believe Education to be the bulwark of civilization. That on it in its fullest sense rests the foundation of civil and religious liberty. Mental, moral and spiritual stagnation is the penalty of ignorance. Track the story of the nations throughout history and we discover the fact that those who progressed spiritually, morally and finan-

cially have been those who have educated their people. Educate a people and you can not enslave them in body or mind. Roman Catholics say: "Give us your child for the first seven years of its life, and you can have it for the rest of the time." Therefore we believe that this education should begin in the home making the first qualification of a parent to be a follower of Him, to whom we can always go for help in the time of need. We further believe that the first requisite of a teacher should be a relationship with Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me," that they may teach them to love that which is good and abhor that which is evil, for we realize that the matter we read molds our character, leads our thought, rules our actions, shapes our destiny. Furthermore we believe that the time is here, that a minister to understand effectively teach the Gospel, to meet and overcome the heresies being taught on every side, must be educated as highly as possible, and be supported in such a manner that he may have sufficient time to prepare his subjects, that he may more forcibly and ably show, that "a beautiful life ends not in death."

D. W. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Discussed by N. T. Clayton and W. D. Page and adopted.

Elder J. M. Harrison and O. L. Phillips granted leave of absence as was W. A. Leatherwood, on account of sickness.

By move and second that all that will, meet at New Home the fifth Sunday to organize a fifth Sunday meeting for the First District.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report, the following funds collected:

Foreign Missions	\$ 24.43
Associational Missions	32.45
State Missions	16.80
Orphans' Home	3.76
Minute Fund	26.20

Total Collected\$103.64

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. WEATHERFORD,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 1909	\$ 1.0
Foreign Missions	3.0
Home Missions4
Associational Mission	33.4
Orphans' Home	13.0
Minute Fund	27.9
From J. S. Berry, stamps2
From F. M. Blunt, ex-clerk	33.0
Total received	\$112.1

EXPENDITURES.

Foreign Missions	\$ 3.0
Home Missions4
Orphans' Home	13.1
Printing Minutes	13.0
Clerks Fee	10.0
Postage	4.1
Ex-Board To Elder J. S. Stockton	18.0
To Elder J. F. Benson	12.0
To Elder N. T. Clayton	6.0
To Elder J. A. Conwill	21.0
Total expenditures	\$100.6

Balance on hand \$11.45.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. GRAHAM, Clerk and Treasurer.

We your Executive Board ask to report as follows:

We received from Finance Committee 1908	\$33.4
From F. M. Blunt Ex-Treasurer	33.0

Total received

\$66.48

We have paid for Mission Work:

To J. S. Stockton at Tishomingo	\$18.00
To J. F. Benson at Fulton	12.00
To N. T. Clayton at Fulton	6.00
To J. A. Conwill, Hopewell, Mt. Moriah and Pleasant Grove each, \$7.....	21.00
Total paid out	\$57.00

To balance on hand, \$9.48.

We have endeavored to do the work where it was most

needed and feel sure there has been good seed sown and hope that a great harvest will be gathered in the Savior's name. The State Board helped us \$225.00 for which we are very grateful.

E. R. GOOGE, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve as Executive Committee for the next Association year:

E. R. Googe, chairman, Fulton, Miss., R. No. 3; J. M. Kennedy, Smithville, Miss., R. No. 4; U. G. Summerford, Bexar, Ala., R. No. 2; D. W. Graham, Eastman, Miss., R. No. 1; W. O. Stockton, Belmont, Miss., M. B. Waddle, Dennis, Miss., R. No. 2; G. W. Yarbrow, Golden, Miss.

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OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee, to the best information we can obtain, report the following: It is appointed unto man to die and after death the judgment. We find by the letters from the different churches that death has called home the following members of the Tombigbee Association, viz: Harmony, Joe Farris; Antioch, Mrs. Bettie Kent; Fairview, Mrs. Mattie Graham and Miss Ina Graham; Liberty Grove, E. S. Summerford; Bethany, Mrs. Martha Mark and Mrs. Emma Benson; Jackson Camp, Davie Britnel.

Brethren it is sad to part with those we love, but our loss is their gain. So let us pray for each other that we may be ready when the summon comes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. PITTS, Chairman.

On motion the clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services, and that he superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute them in proportion to amount of funds sent from each church.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Mt. Pleasant church and community for the

kindness and hospitality shown us during our pleasant sojourn among them. We indeed feel that it has been good for us to be here, and that the Lord has dwelt with us. We feel that the blessed Gospel truths which we have heard and the royal welcome which we have received during this Association will be a sacred spot in our memories in days to come. May Heaven's choicest blessings be showered on this people ever, and when the roll is called up yonder may we all meet there in one great and grand Association that will continue throughout the ceaseless ages.

Submitted,

D. W. GRAHAM.

On motion of Elder J. F. Benson we adjourned to meet with Belmont Church Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1909.

J. T. ROBINSON, Moderator.

S. T. GRAHAM, Clerk and Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN OUR BOUNDS.

- J. F. Benson, Fulton, Miss.
- J. T. Robinson, Fulton, Miss., R. No. 2.
- G. A. Senter, Fulton, Miss., R. No. 2.
- N. F. Clayton, Fulton, Miss., R. 1.
- J. A. Conwill, Red Bay, Ala., R. F. D. 2.
- J. W. Davis, Red Bay, Ala., R. F. D. 2.
- J. M. Killingsworth, Rara Avis, Miss.
- G. W. Guntharp, Fulton, Miss.
- J. S. Stockton, Belmont, Miss.
- A. L. Anderson, Golden, Miss.
- W. J. Clingan, Mingo, Miss.
- W. D. Page, Iuka, Miss., R. No. 1.
- W. H. Hamilton, New Site, Miss.
- J. M. Wright, New Site, Miss., R. No. 1.
- T. J. Jackson, Dennis, Miss.
- L. M. Taylor, Mingo, Miss., R. No. 1.
- J. M. Harrison, Dennis, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

- D. A. Mattox, Smithville, Miss., R. No. 4.
- J. T. Harmon, Smithville, Miss., R. No. 4.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

CHURCH CLERK and POSTOFFICE

FIRST DISTRICT.	C. D. Holley, Clay, Miss., R. No. 1..	Received by Baptism									
		Received by Letter									
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		Membership									
		Minute Fund									
		Orphans' Home									
		Asso'tional Missions									
		State Missions									
		Foreign Missions									
		Pastors Salary									
Bethany, J. F. Benson	14										
Hopewell, J. A. Conwill	2										
*Mt. Moriah, J. A. Conwill											
Mt. Pisgah N. T. Clayton											
Union Grove J. F. Benson											
Mt. Pleasant J. T. Robinson											
Providence, J. T. Robinson											
Fairview, J. T. Robinson											
Mt. Zion, J. T. Robinson											
Harmony, W. H. Hamilton											
Pleasant Grove, J. A. Conwill											
New Home, N. T. Clayton											
Liberty Grove, N. T. Clayton											
Shiloh, J. A. Conwill											
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SECOND DISTRICT.											
Antioch, W. H. Hamilton	Wm. Mayhall, Red Bay, Ala., R No 1	6	1	3	85	1.00					
Salem, J. S. Stockton	H S Williams, Eastm'n Miss, R No 1			1	110	1.50					
Union, J. M. Harrison	L. A. Cain, Mingo, Miss., R. No. 1.	2	6		65	1.30				5.00	
*Highland					100						
*Red Bud					100	.75					
*Bethel					100	.80					
*Prospect					55						
Bethlehem, J. M. Harrison	J. T. Jackson, Tishomingo, Miss R. 1				32	.50			70		
Belmont, W. A. Gaugh	H. E. Mayhall, Dennis, Miss., R. 1	3		2	7103	1.20					
Jackson's Camp, J. M. Wright	R. J. Green, Dennis, Miss., R. 1	5	1	1	58	1.00				2.15	
Golden, C. S. Wales	A. J. Wilson Golden Miss.	11	14	3	33	1.50				4.25	
*Mt. Pleasant No. 2											
Total		25	24	2	14	10	486	9.55	70	11	40
NOTE—*Highland, Bethel, Prospect and Mt. Pleasant No. 2 not represented.											
*Red Bud represented but no letter received.											

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